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THE ASYLUM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.



The Asylum of the Good Shepherd, at Quebec, offers a refuge to the Penitent and a safeguard to the ...ent who are in danger. It was opened on the 12th of January, 1850, under the auspices of Religion.— ...ly resources are those which Divine Providence and christian charity provide. So far they have not ...l. God, of his infinity goodness and mercy, has inspired generous women with the noble thought of ...ting themselves to the salvation and reformation of the most degraded of their sex; every one who ...s the value of a soul redeemed by the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ appreciated such a thought, and ...uch it would have seemed that charity had exhausted all her funds in works of an equally estimable ...e, she had yet her mite to offer for the asylum of the Good Shepherd. Each one has offered his. The ...y, the Religious Communities, The Society of St. Vincent of Paul, generous christians, pious Ladies, ...e made it a duty as well a pleasure, to come to its assistance. Does not this admirable co-operation ...ich the asylum of the Good Shepherd becomes, in a manner, the work of all, assure us that it will ...! Does it not seem to say: "The hand of God is here!"

Thanks to this assistance the asylum of the Good Shepherd possesses at the present moment a modest ...ing in De Lachevrotière street, St. Louis suburbs, in which 20 Penitents are living under the direction ...istresses. Their daily labour, the work of their hands is sanctified by prayer. They pray for their ...factors. The Penitents never leave the precincts of the establishment which protects them; they ...m their religious duties in a chapel in the interior. Their nearest relatives, alone, can converse with ...by permission of the Superior, and in the presence of a Mistress. This confined state of existence ...ecessarily be painful for persons whose former habits were of a very different nature; several, ...ver, among whom is the one who was first admitted into the asylum, bear it with courage and even ...py. They know that it is their road to Heaven.

These 20 Penitents are not the only ones to whom the establishment has proved useful; others have ...n it a time of more or less duration; of these, 12 have been placed as servants, 7 restored to their ...s, and one was reunited to her husband after a separation of 15 years. Some, it is true, have fallen ..., but we venture to hope that even they will derive some benefit from their sojourn in the asylum of ...ood Shepherd. At all events, the consoling dispositions in which two of these unfortunate creatures ...died, would seem to confirm us in that idea.

In order to point out more fully the necessity and utility of this establishment, we may add, that ...the Penitents admitted made their first communion, 7 received the sacrament of confirmation, ...were baptized, in the asylum.

These happy results of a work which is yet in its very infancy are an earnest of the benefits of which ...l be productive as it increases, and they are very encouraging to all who take an interest in it. The ...e has already proved too small, and the Superior has been under the painful necessity of refusing ad...ance to several unfortunate females, who hoped to find a refuge in it. A larger Building, then, must be ...ed. It is with this view that His Grace, the Archbishop, has appealed to the Faithful residing in the ...ty parts; it is, also, for the same object that a Bazaar will be opened on the 25th of this month, which ...ristian and generous hearts will not fail to patronize.

Quebec, 3d May, 1852.

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Recevez, Mon...

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CIRCULAIRE.

Archevêché de Québec,
18 février 1852.

ONSIEUR,

Comme l'indult du S. Siége, en vertu duquel vous vez reçu certains pouvoirs extraordinaires, expire le mars prochain, je vous informe que ces pouvoirs n'ont été continués par un indult du 11 décembre 850, et c'est celui-ci que vous devez citer à l'avenir ans les actes de mariages pour lesquels vous aurez sé de votre pouvoir de dispenser.

Recevez, Monsieur, l'assurance de la sincère estime de

Votre très-humble serviteur,